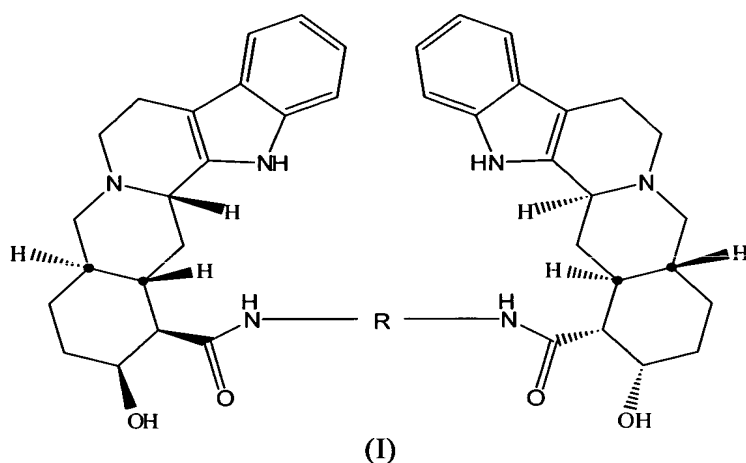


## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to yohimbine dimer compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing such dimer compounds, methods of making such dimer compounds, and uses thereof. The yohimbine dimer  
5 compounds include compounds of formula (I):



where R is any linker molecule which affords a yohimbine dimer that has activity as an  $\alpha_2$ -AR antagonist and has selectivity for an  $\alpha_2$ -AR subtype over another  $\alpha_2$ -  
10 AR subtype.